REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 7 have been amended to avoid the multiple dependent claim surcharge. Claims 21-26 presented herein correspond to the dependencies eliminated from the amended claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS:

- 1 3. (Amended) A semiconductor device according to Claim 1
- 2 [or Claim 2], wherein a power supply voltage applied to the
- 3 first MOS transistors constituting the input circuit or the
- 4 output circuit is equal to a power supply voltage applied to
- 5 the second MOS transistors constituting the internal circuit.
- 4. (Amended) A semiconductor device according to Claim 2
 [] 2 [or Claim 3], wherein a gate length of the first MOS
 [] 3 transistors is equal to a gate length of the second MOS
 [] 4 transistors.
- 7. (Amended) A semiconductor device according to Claim 1
 [7] [or Claim 2], wherein a power supply voltage applied to the
 [7] first MOS transistors constituting the input circuit or the

 4 output circuit is higher than a power supply voltage applied
 - 5 to the second MOS transistors constituting the internal
 - 6 circuit.

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